

BEFORE THE FISH AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

In the matter of the amendment of) NOTICE OF AMENDMENT
ARM 12.11.206 and 12.11.211)
pertaining to temporary client days on)
the Beaverhead and Big Hole Rivers)

TO: All Concerned Persons

1. On February 19, 2016, the Fish and Wildlife Commission (commission) published MAR Notice No. 12-461 pertaining to the public hearing on the proposed amendment of the above-stated rules at page 267 of the 2016 Montana Administrative Register, Issue Number 4.

2. The commission has amended ARM 12.11.206 and 12.11.211 as proposed.

3. The commission has thoroughly considered the comments and testimony received. A summary of the comments received and the department's responses are as follows:

COMMENT 1: A majority of the comments received were in support of the rule amendments.

RESPONSE 1: The commission appreciates the public participation in this rulemaking process.

COMMENT 2: The commission received one comment generally opposed to the administrative rules pertaining to the commercial use on the Beaverhead River and Big Hole River.

RESPONSE 2: The administrative rules pertaining to the commercial use on the Beaverhead River and Big Hole River went through a public scoping process prior to these amendments being proposed. Another scoping process will occur in five years and these general concerns can be presented at that time.

/s/ Aimee Fausser
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Rule Reviewer

/s/ Dan Vermillion
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Chairman
Fish and Wildlife Commission

Certified to the Secretary of State June 6, 2016.